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1. DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTRY POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN GAVE DCM RESULTS OF EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS' CONSIDERATION OF LATEST US REVISION OF SUGGESTED PRINCIPLES FOR SETTLEMENT. HE EXPLAINED EC-9 REACTED POSITIVELY TO US TEXT BECAUSE IN THEIR JUDGMENT IT FITTED PERFECTLY WITHIN THE CONTINUING PATTERN OF ACTIONS SEEKING TO PROMOTE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION. IN THIS PERSPECTIVE EC-9 ENDORSED THE SPECIFIC IDEA OF FORMULATING PRINCIPLES THAT COULD ENHANCE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE PARTIES TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS ON A COMMON BASIS.

2. TURNING TO THE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE OF THE US PRINCIPLES RUTTEN SAID WERE DESIGNED TO CLARIFY OR OTHERWISE IMPROVE DRAFT IN INTEREST OF ENHANCING ITS ACCEPTABILITY TO PARTIES.

3. PARA 1 WOULD READ: QTE THE PARTIES WILL AGREE TO NEGOTIATE ALL ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WITH A VIEW TO ARRIVING AT A PACKAGE DEAL WHICH GUARANTEES AS BASIC PRINCIPLES THE MAINTENANCE OF THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, AND WHICH RESPECTS THE
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CYPRUS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT. END QTE. RUTTEN

DESCRIBED CHANGES AS DESIGNED TO MAKE TEXT MORE PRECISE, IN DISTINGUISHING THE ATTRIBUTES OF CYRIOT STATEHOOD AND SPECIFICALLY ATTRIBUTING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS ITS POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT. HE ADDED THAT REVISED LANGUAGE FOLLOWED UN USAGE AND STATEMENTS OF BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS, EMPHASIZING AGAIN THAT REFERENCE TO NON-ALIGNMENT WAS TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE MISUNDERSTANDING.

4. IN PARA 2 WORDS IN US TEXT QTE MUST BE ADJUSTED UNQTE HAD BEEN REPLACED BY QTE MUST BE MODIFIED WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING UNQTE. REASONING WAS THAT QTE ADJUSTED UNQTE WAS TOO LIMITING AND IMPLIED TOO LITTLE TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO GREEK CYPRIOTS.

5. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REVISED PARA 3: QTE SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH AGREEMENT ON TERRITORIAL MODIFICATIONS THE PARTIES WILL AGREE ON CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FEDERAL SYSTEM ON A BIZONAL BASIS CONSISTING OF RELATIVELY AUTONOMOUS ZONES WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE TWO COMMUNITIES WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE IN FREEDOM AND TO HAVE A LARGE VOICE IN THEIR OWN AFFAIRS, AND WILL AGREE ON THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF A CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. UNQTE. AGAIN RUTTEN EXPLAINED THAT REASONING WAS TO ASSUAGE GREEK CYPRIOT REACTION, ADDING THAT IN JUDGMENT OF EC-9 WORD "MODIFICATIONS" COULD BE CONSTRUED AS MORE FAR-REACHING THAN "ADJUSTMENTS".

6. PARA 4 HAS BEEN ALTERED BY INSERTION OF THE WORD QTE ALL UNQTE BEFORE THE WORDS "FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES" SINCE THIS RESTORED TRADITIONAL LANGUAGE OF UN RESOLUTIONS. EC-9 BELIEVED FURTHER ADDITION WAS NECESSARY IN THIS PARAGRAPH AS FOLLOWS: QTE THEY WILL AGREE TO NEGOTIATE AT THE SAME TIME ALL THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WILL GUARANTEE THE SECURITY OF BOTH COMMUNITIES. UNQTE. RUTTEN EXPLAINED ADDITIONAL SENTENCE PROVIDED ESSENTIAL BALANCE SINCE NCE ALL FOREIGN FORCES WERE WITHDRAWN THERE MUST BE PARALLEL CONSIDERATION OF INTERNAL POLICE FORCES TO GUARANTEE SECURITY OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES.

7. NO CHANGES IN PARA 5.

8. TURNING TO PROCEDURE, RUTTEN NOTED THIS HAD SO FAR NOT
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BEEN DISCUSSED, AND EC-9 WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT WASHINGTON HAS IN MIND IN THIS REGARD. THEIR OWN DISCUSSION HAD CONCLUDED THAT POSSIBLY BEST PROCEDURE WOULD BE FOR US IN FIRST PLACE TO SUBMIT SUGGESTIONS TO PARTIES, GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS, ATHENS AND ANKARA, AND UNSYG, AFTER WHICH EC-9 WOULD SUPPORT PROPOSALS WITH ALL CONCERNED INDICATING THEIR FULL AGREEMENT. HE SAID THAT IF US HAD OTHER SUGGESTIONS EC-9 WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS THEM BUT NOTED THAT ABOVE SUGGESTION AS OF NOW

REPRESENTED EC-9 PREFERENCE. AS FOR TIMING, WHILE MATTER WAS ONE OF URGENCY, EC-9 HAD CONCLUDED THAT UNTIL GA CONSIDERATION OF CYPRUS ITEM WAS CONCLUDED NOTHING COULD BE ACHIEVED. HOWEVER, PERHAPS PARTIES COULD BE INFORMED IN SOME FASHION THAT WE WERE THINKING ALONG THESE LINES, POSSIBLE BY REMARKS DURING UN CONSIDERATION OF CYPRUS ECHOING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REFERENCE TO PRINCIPLES IN HIS GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH.

9. EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL BE REVIEWING THIS SUBJECT AT THEIR LUXEMBOURG MEETING OCTOBER 18 SO IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY IMMEDIATE COMMENTS THEY SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED VIA AMERICAN EMBASSY LUXEMBOURG. IN THIS CONNECTION RUTTEN INDICATED EARLY INDICATION OF US VIEWS ON REFERENCE TO NON-ALIGNMENT OF FYPRUS IN PRINCIPLES WOULD BE ESPECIALLY WELCOME. FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS CHAPTER 2 OF TINDEMANS REPORT, SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE.

10. SINCE TEXT OF PRINCIPLES NOW CIRCULATED AMONG EC-9 WE SUGGEST FUTURE TRAFFIC BECOME SECRET/LIMDIS.
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